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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR M113 ARMORED VEHICLES TO YEMEN  
DELIVERED TO MOROCCAN MFA

REF: STATE 105349

Classified By: A/PolCouns David Brownstein for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S) PolOff discussed reftel points with MFA Chief of International Security Karim Halim on October 14. Halim had questions related to the terms of the transfer and said that such a decision had to be made in coordination with the Moroccan military. Halim stated that Morocco does not have a large inventory of M113 vehicles and that it would be difficult to part with what few they do have. He asked for a formal request via diplomatic note, which PolOff sent to the MFA on October 14.

¶2. (S) Embassy Rabat Office of Security Cooperation (OSC) Chief discussed the matter with contacts in the Moroccan military's 4th Bureau (responsible for procurement issues), also on October 14. They advised the USG to make this request via military, rather than diplomatic, channels through the "long supply system" that includes the US Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, US Army Security Assistance Command and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

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